



2018 Annual Report

Division of Aeronautics





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Message from the Director



Over the past year, the Division of Aeronautics has continued to build on the momentum of previous accomplishments, and as you'll read in this year's report, we have achieved some significant milestones in fiscal year 2018. From returning to a positive financial position, to embarking on the most comprehensive aviation system plan and economic impact study we've ever undertaken, our efforts this past year have positioned us well for future success.

This year's progress would not be possible without the sustained leadership of the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) and of course the engagement and support of our aviation system partners and stakeholders. But most notably, as the Division's Director, I am extremely privileged to work with a dedicated and passionate Aeronautics team, one which has a singular focus on customer service, efficiency and accountability. Collectively our team continues to commit ourselves to supporting, improving and growing a robust statewide air and space system.

In early 2018, the Division returned to a positive financial position, nearly two years earlier than originally forecast. This remarkable accomplishment was due to a number of factors, including increased aviation activity statewide, steady oil prices and the Division's strategic program adjustments to align our programs with our financial realities. With this recovery, however, we have continued to refine our revenue forecasting tools and processes, and we will continue to do so going forward. The CAB has approved, and the Division team has implemented, a comprehensive financial contingency model that will hedge against future swings in Division revenues, allowing us to proactively communicate any necessary program and funding changes. Thanks to increased aviation activity statewide and a great partnership with our airports and other stakeholders, the Division is poised for continued financial success in 2019 and beyond.

We have again this year made outstanding progress on our key initiatives, including our pioneering remote air traffic control project at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL). In partnership with FNL, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Searidge Technologies, we are developing the world's first remote air traffic control tower that will combine visual and radar/track-based data to provide the highest levels of air traffic service safety, capacity and efficiency at the lowest possible cost. As you'll read in this report, our remote tower system has been installed and is undergoing the first of three phases of testing.

But as we endeavor to ensure that our current initiatives go well, the Division team is constantly looking to the future, seeking to proactively capitalize on our strengths and leverage opportunities. In 2018, we completed and implemented the Division's first-ever strategic plan. Development of this plan engaged the CAB, Division staff and our key stakeholders to collaboratively define our mission, vision and values, providing us with clear direction on where we need to go, and how we get there. The CAB and Division will continue to use this tool to focus our efforts and prioritize our resources, and it will be revisited regularly to ensure its ongoing value and relevance.

However, our planning for the future is not vested solely in our strategic plan. In 2018, we kicked off the process to develop, from a fresh start, a new Colorado Aviation System Plan (CASP), a plan which was last revisited in 2011. This too will be a collaborative process, one which will identify the needs of our statewide airport system, and outline key measures and goals for system maintenance, improvement and growth. Most importantly, this document will guide the CAB and the Division in effectively investing our future discretionary airport grant resources.

And that future investment will be crucial for our state's 74 public use airports. Collectively, these airports serve 6,785 registered aircraft and 28,216 active pilots who in 2015, flew over 653,000 hours in general aviation aircraft. Combined, Colorado's aviation system supports over 265,000 jobs, generating nearly \$37 billion of economic impact. As the Division Director, I'm honored to work with this engaged and active aviation community, and a passionate and dedicated Aeronautical Board and Division team. Together, we will continue Colorado's commitment to a vibrant and sustainable air and space system, while furthering the innovation that has made Colorado's Division of Aeronautics a recognized leader among our peers across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of David Ulane in black ink.

David Ulane
Aeronautics Director

Our Mission

“The mission of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to support Colorado’s multi-modal transportation system by advancing a safe, efficient, and effective state-wide air and space system through collaboration, investment, and advocacy.”

Our Vision

“The vision of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to be the leading state aviation organization by enhancing the efficiency, economic benefit, and sustainability of Colorado’s air and space system through funding, innovation, education, and pioneering initiatives.”

Our Values

PASSION

We value the passion, enthusiasm, drive, and commitment each person contributes to fulfilling the Division’s Strategic Plan, engaging all interested stakeholders, and reaching their own personal goals. We celebrate victories and milestones!

INTEGRITY

We value doing the right thing - each and every time. We are transparent, honest, open, ethical, and genuine in all of our interactions.

INNOVATION

We value thoughtful and imaginative entrepreneurial spirit that anticipates change and strategically develops and implements pioneering ideas, systems, and programs.

RELATIONSHIPS

We value, build, and respect relationships with our colleagues, stakeholders, and families through collaboration, kindness, and empathy.

COMMITMENT

We are dedicated to the success of Colorado’s multi-modal transportation system, Air and Space System, the Division, the Colorado Aeronautical Board, and our colleagues and stakeholders through an unwavering commitment to these values.



The Colorado State Patrol Aircraft Section Cessna 340 - N204SP over the Gore Mountain Range. | Photo by Shahn Sederberg

Colorado Airport System

Colorado's system of 73 public-use airports and one seaplane base serve our state's local communities with a variety of services ranging from commercial air transportation, emergency medical evacuation, aerial fire fighting, flight training, and high-altitude flight testing.

In addition to providing the citizens and visitors of Colorado with critical air transportation services, Colorado's airport system is also essential to supporting a diverse business base. Airports in Colorado support the employment of thousands of people and are responsible for providing the state with a total of \$36.7 billion* in overall annual economic output.

*2013 Colorado Economic Impact Study for Colorado Airports.




A patient being loaded onto a medical evacuation aircraft in Del Norte, CO.

Colorado Airport System



 **Commercial Service Airport (14)**

 **Publicly-Owned & Operated Airport (51)**

 **Privately-Owned Airport Open to the Public (8)**

 **Seaplane Base (1)**

 **Non-NPIAS Airport (25) (Not Federally Funded)**

 **Mountain Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) (13)**

Tax Revenue Disbursements

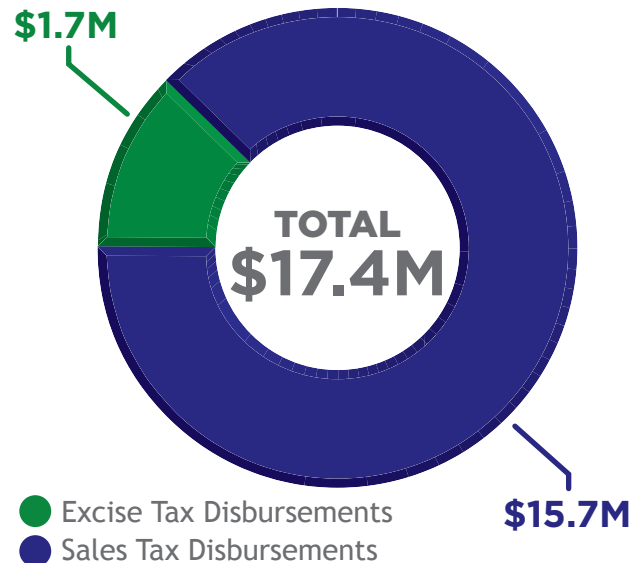
Eligible Colorado public-use airports are recipients of aviation fuel excise and sales tax disbursements for fuel sold at their airport. These disbursements equal \$.04 per gallon of the excise tax on general aviation fuel and 65% of the 2.9% sales tax collected on the retail price of commercial service jet fuel. These monthly revenue rebates must be used for aviation purposes.

The remaining 35% of the sales tax and \$.02 per gallon excise tax on avgas revenues are used to fund the Division's operations, the Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program (CDAG), and numerous statewide aviation initiatives.

FY 2018 Tax Revenue Disbursements

Excise Tax & Sales Tax on Aviation Fuel

*Preliminary unaudited results.



FY 2018 Disbursements by Airport

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Akron-Colorado Plains Regional Airport	\$2,631.76	Holyoke Municipal Airport	\$2,785.52
Alamosa-San Luis Valley Regional Airport	\$11,373.56	Hudson-Platte Valley Airpark	\$7,494.36
Aspen-Pitkin County Airport	\$550,526.18	Kremmling-McElroy Field	\$4,463.66
Boulder Municipal Airport	\$7,594.20	La Junta Municipal Airport	\$4,882.88
Brush Municipal Airport	\$162.65	Lamar Municipal Airport	\$7,945.23
Buena Vista-Central Colorado Regional Airport	\$5,106.74	Leadville-Lake County Airport	\$8,464.18
Burlington-Kit Carson County Airport	\$9,944.40	Limon Municipal Airport	\$1,146.94
Canon City-Fremont County Airport	\$4,434.65	Longmont-Vance Brand Airport	\$13,518.60
Colorado Springs Municipal Airport	\$563,744.02	Loveland - Northern Colorado Regional Airport	\$85,319.85
Cortez-Montezuma County Airport	\$31,547.70	Meadow Lake Airport	\$3,410.98
Craig-Moffat County Airport	\$5,161.70	Meeker Airport	\$8,395.03
Del Norte - Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport	\$4,395.86	Montrose County Regional Airport	\$152,745.13
Delta - Blake Field	\$1,341.23	Monte Vista Municipal Airport	\$2,672.01
Denver International Airport	\$12,336,493.01	Nucla-Hopkins Field	\$5,776.98
Denver-Centennial Airport	\$1,158,005.87	Pagosa Springs-Steven's Field	\$15,684.57
Denver-Front Range Airport	\$29,440.00	Pueblo Memorial Airport	\$85,596.25
Denver-Rocky Mountain Metro Airport	\$1,137,503.82	Rangely Airport	\$711.28
Durango-La Plata County Airport	\$81,896.61	Rifle-Garfield County Airport	\$122,918.84
Durango-Animas Airpark	\$209.79	Salida-Harriet Alexander Field	\$3,419.47
Eagle County Airport	\$419,934.75	Springfield Municipal Airport	\$292.53
Eads Municipal Airport	\$2,506.30	Steamboat Springs Municipal Airport	\$31,679.86
Erie Municipal Airport	\$4,337.04	Sterling Municipal Airport	\$8,261.96
Fort Morgan Municipal Airport	\$4,712.66	Telluride Regional Airport	\$77,373.85
Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport	\$1,336.47	Trinidad-Perry Stoke Airport	\$1,947.86
Granby-Grand County Airport	\$1,034.92	Walden-Jackson County Airport	\$199.11
Grand Junction Regional Airport	\$163,680.89	Walsenburg-Spanish Peaks Field	\$1,970.09
Greeley-Weld County Airport	\$26,276.22	Wray Municipal Airport	\$6,335.92
Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport	\$48,728.14	Yuma Municipal Airport	\$5,982.38
Hayden-Yampa Valley Regional Airport	\$128,292.73		

Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program

Each year, the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) administers the distribution of the Colorado Aviation Fund through individual airport grants and statewide aviation system initiatives. A total of \$1.96 million in airport grants were awarded in FY 2018. The awards in FY 2018 leveraged \$53.7 million in federal funds. Combined State, Local and Federal funds for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) totalled \$59.7 million in FY 2018.

The awarded grants were used to fund projects that included pavement maintenance, safety enhancements, airport improvements, long-term planning, and system-wide safety and support programs.

FY 2018 Statewide Aviation Initiatives

System Plan & Economic Impact Study*	\$1,700,000
Automated Weather Observing System Development and Maintenance	\$250,000
DEN Surplus Airport Equipment Program	\$250,000
Airport Inspections (5010 & PCI)	\$172,000
USDA - Wildlife Hazard Mitigation	\$165,000
Internship Program	\$150,000
Remote Tower Project*	\$140,000
Airfield Maintenance-Crack Sealant Program	\$130,000
Web-Based Information Management System (WIMS)	\$125,000
Communications/Pilot Outreach/Safety	\$91,500
Technical Services	\$30,000

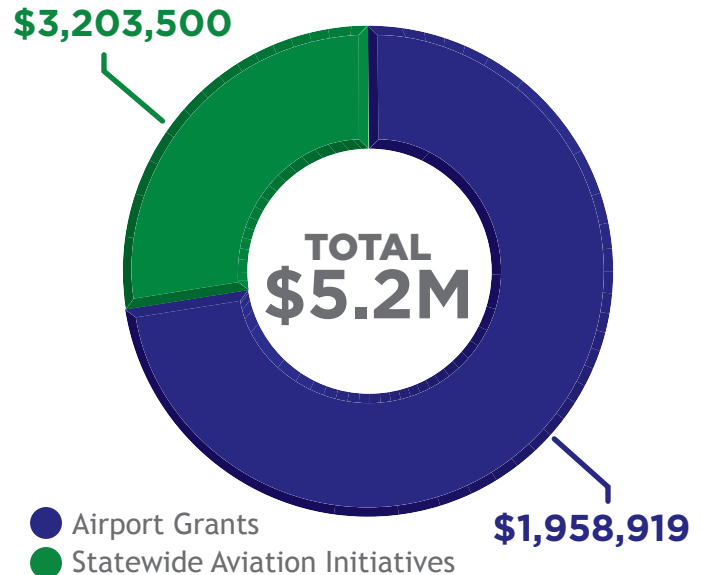
TOTAL \$3,203,500

**Funding for these Statewide Aviation Initiatives was approved by the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) in a previous fiscal year.*



The San Luis Valley Regional Airport (ALS) in Alamosa, CO was awarded \$56,579 aviation grant for a federally funded wildlife fencing project.

FY 2018 Aviation Funding Statewide Aviation Initiatives & Airport Grants



2018 State Aviation Grants to Airports

Aspen-Pitkin County Airport	\$150,000
Blake Field	\$150,000
Boulder Municipal Airport	\$18,972
Burlington-Kit Carson County	\$16,666
Centennial Airport	\$25,000
Colorado Springs Municipal Airport	\$150,000
Durango-La Plata County Airport	\$11,208
Eagle County Regional Airport	\$74,444
Erie Municipal Airport	\$25,908
Fort Morgan Municipal Airport	\$25,000
Granby-Grand County Airport	\$16,666
Grand Junction Regional Airport	\$150,000
Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport	\$35,000
Lake County Airport	\$150,000
Lamar Municipal Airport	\$16,666
Limon Municipal Airport	\$33,333
Meadow Lake Airport	\$400,000
Meeker Airport	\$8,333
Monte Vista Municipal Airport	\$16,666
Montrose Regional Airport	\$70,672
Northern Colorado Regional Airport	\$16,666
Pueblo Memorial Airport	\$82,895
Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport	\$40,000
San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field	\$56,579
Steamboat Springs Municipal Airport	\$16,666
Vance Brand Municipal Airport	\$26,579
Wray Municipal Airport	\$25,000
Yampa Valley Regional Airport	\$150,000

TOTAL \$1,958,919

Statewide Aviation Initiatives

In FY 2018, a total of \$3.2 million was allocated to fund a number of statewide aviation initiatives administered directly by the Division of Aeronautics. These initiatives directly support specific aviation-related programs that benefit airport safety, airport pavement maintenance and communication outreach to the general aviation flying public.

System Plan & Economic Impact Study - \$1,700,000

The Division has kicked off the process to develop a new Colorado Aviation System Plan (CASP), a plan which was last revisited in 2011. This too will be a collaborative process, one which will identify the needs of our statewide airport system, and outline key goals and objectives for system maintenance, improvement and growth. Most importantly, this document will guide the CAB and the Division in effectively investing our future discretionary airport grant resources. The Division has retained Kimley Horn to develop our CASP, a group of nationally recognized aviation system planners who have completed over 30 previous state aviation system plans. With their technical expertise and experience, this CASP will be a fresh, “from scratch” look at our entire aviation system, one that will align with our Strategic Plan and offer clear goals and objectives to meet our system needs.

Concurrent with the development of the CASP, the Division is also developing a new statewide aviation Economic Impact Study (EIS), which was last updated in 2013. This study will quantify the total economic impact of our aviation system, as well as that of our individual public use airports. Additionally, the 2018 update will evaluate the economic impact of airport construction, tax impacts and visitor

spending, all to provide the broadest economic picture of aviation’s contributions to our state.

Both the CASP and EIS are expected to be completed in early 2020. Details on the progress of the plans and their work products can be found at www.coloradoaviationsystem.com.

Automated Weather Observing System Development and Maintenance - \$250,000

This program funds the maintenance and repair of Colorado’s network of 13 Division-owned mountain automated weather observing systems (AWOS). The Mountain AWOS program significantly increases safety for pilots flying above Colorado’s Rocky Mountains.

The La Veta Pass (VTP) AWOS along with other State Telecommunications equipment was destroyed in the Spring Creek Wildfire on June 28, 2018. The replacement of this unit will be covered by insurance.

DEN Surplus Airport Equipment Program - \$250,000

The Division partners with Denver International Airport (DEN) to coordinate and administer an annual sale of DEN’s used airport equipment including snow plows, snow blowers, and dump trucks. The Division provides up to 80% grants to Colorado airports for the purchase of this equipment. This program allows airports to purchase equipment they otherwise would not be able to afford.

A successful DEN Surplus Airport Equipment Sale took place on August 16, 2018. Managers and sponsors from 11 Colorado public-use airports attended the annual event to get a shot at

purchasing quality surplus airport equipment offered for sale by Denver International Airport.

In total, there were \$255,300 in sales at the 2018 sale. Of this, \$187,000 was funded by the Division and matched with \$68,300 by Colorado airport sponsors.

The Division is expanding the program to include other Colorado Public-Use airports who need to find good homes for their used airport equipment.

Airport Inspections (5010 & PCI) - \$172,000

This funding is allocated to conduct regular safety and Pavement Condition Index (PCI) inspections at Colorado airports. 5010 Safety Inspections are performed to update the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Master Record Form and Chart Supplement, giving pilots accurate airport data and safety information. PCI inspections are required for airports that are eligible for federal funding, and the results are used to develop comprehensive airport pavement maintenance plans.

The Division of Aeronautics is tasked with conduction Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Inspections once every three years as a requirement of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for airports that receive federal funding. The final results of these inspections are utilized by the Division and the FAA to determine the priority of distribution of federal and state funds for pavement maintenance, capital improvement projects, and the development of airport pavement maintenance plans.

USDA Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Program - \$165,000

This program funds efforts of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist Colorado airports with effective and approved wildlife mitigation programs. This successful program has helped significantly to reduce wildlife aircraft strikes and damage to airport infrastructure at Colorado's Airports.

Airport Internship Program - \$109,045

The Division of Aeronautics currently partners with eight Colorado airports to support internship education programs. Grants provided to participating airports cover up to 50% of a \$16 per hour internship salary. Airport management internships support aviation education as prescribed by the Division's enabling legislation C.R.S. 43-10.

Remote Air Traffic Control Tower Program - \$140,000

In 2018, the Division's innovative Remote Air Traffic Control Tower (RATCT) initiative at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL) continued to move forward. The Division of Aeronautics is collaborating closely with FNL, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Searidge Technologies to implement a RATCT solution at FNL.

This pioneering project will be the first in the world to integrate both ground-based video and aircraft track-based/radar components to provide necessary air traffic data to air traffic controllers working in a remote facility. The high-tech array will provide an enhanced level of efficiency and aviation safety at capital and operational costs dramatically lower than that needed to construct and staff a traditional air traffic control tower.

In July 2017, after significant efforts to develop the project requirements and scope, the FAA selected Searidge Technologies to design, install, test and certify the remote tower equipment at FNL.

This CDOT Aeronautics Division-led initiative to test RATCT technology in Colorado will further solidify CDOT and the Colorado Division of Aeronautics as a national leader in airspace technology innovation, enhancing aviation safety, capacity and efficiency, while significantly reducing the overall capital and operating costs associated with a traditional air traffic control tower. The \$8.8 million in funding for the test phase of this monumental project has been provided by the Colorado Aviation Fund as unanimously approved by the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB).

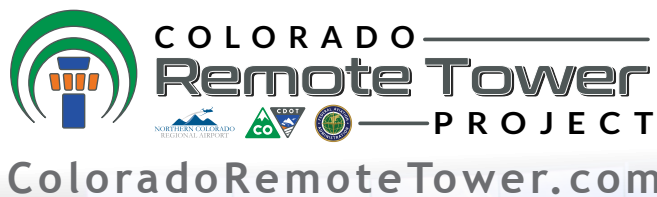
The remote tower facility and equipment have been installed and as of November 2018, the first of three testing and evaluation phases is underway.

In 2019, the system will be further optimized and tested in actual air traffic control tower use, all with the goal of achieving system certification in 2020.

The Division has created a project website at www.coloradoremotetower.com, where frequent project updates, photos and videos will be posted.



Underground utilities and the concrete camera mast footings were installed in July, 2018. Photo Courtesy Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL).



The remote air traffic control tower work station at Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL). | Photo by Shahn Sederberg

Airfield Maintenance & Crack Sealant Program - \$130,000

Funding for the crack sealant rebate program directly benefits Colorado airports with a 90% rebate up to \$10,000 for crack sealant materials purchased through the state bid. This program is designed to encourage Colorado airports to use preventative asphalt maintenance practices proven to extend the lifespan of asphalt runways, taxiways and apron surfaces.

Web-based Information Management System (WIMS) - \$125,000

The Division's Web-Based Information Management System (WIMS) allows airport sponsors and grantees to apply for, track, and manage their grants from a central web-based portal. The Division continues to explore new opportunities to leverage the benefits of WIMS for the Division and our airports, including Aviation System Plan progress/performance reporting and SIB loan application processing and administration.

State Infrastructure Bank

The Colorado Transportation Commission supports local operators of transportation facilities with funds available through a low interest revolving loan program. This unique program was enacted by the Colorado Legislature in 1998, and adopted by CDOT in 1999. The Aviation Element of the Colorado State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) currently administers loans benefiting six Colorado communities, with \$8.3 million in outstanding loan balances as of June 30, 2018.

Loans awarded to airports from the SIB have been used for projects such as capital airport improvements; air traffic control towers, snow removal equipment, and pavement reconstruction. Loans have also been utilized for land acquisitions protecting airports from incompatible adjacent land uses.

Communications, Pilot Outreach & Safety - \$91,500

This aviation program funds the production of the [Colorado Airport Directory and Colorado Aeronautical Chart](#) as well as safety information outreach to pilots who fly in Colorado. These publications give pilots the most current information in order to safely navigate through the skies of Colorado.

Technical Services - \$30,000

Funding allocated for technical services is reserved for unforeseen needs of services provided by outside vendors, such as engineering services. No funding was utilized for Technical Services in FY 2018.



A row of snowplows available for sale at the 2018 DEN Surplus Airport Equipment Sale. Photo by David Ulane.

Airports with SIB Loan Balances

- Centennial Airport
- Colorado Springs Airport
- Front Range Airport
- Grand Junction Regional Airport
- Greeley-Weld County Airport
- Rocky Mountain Metro Airport

**Current SIB loan interest rate 3%.
Listing current as of June 30, 2018.*

Charting a Clear Course Forward - The Strategic Plan

In 2018, the Division developed and implemented its first-ever strategic plan, an inclusive and collaborative endeavor that will help the CAB and the Division chart a clear course forward. Many of the Division's responsibilities, such as fuel tax disbursements and our discretionary grant program are mandated by statute, and will always be part of our mission. However, the CAB and the Division have significant latitude and flexibility to leverage the Division's resources for initiatives and programs that benefit our statewide air and space system. The Strategic Plan will be an invaluable tool to focus our efforts and prioritize our resources, and it will be revisited regularly to ensure its ongoing value and relevance.

The Division's Strategic Plan encompasses six goals, each with several underlying objectives to be tackled to accomplish those goals:

Goal 1

Support the Division's commitments for the current and subsequent fiscal year by effectively managing the operating budget to ensure an adequate contingency fund balance.

Goal 2

Improve the efficiencies of the Division and the Colorado air and space system through enhancement and implementation of new technologies.

Goal 3

At least annually, evaluate existing statewide initiatives for enhancement, or develop new initiatives.

Goal 4

Develop and implement a public outreach and advocacy program to inform and educate political leaders, airport and aviation stakeholders, and the general public about matters pertinent to the national and Colorado air and space system.

Goal 5

Develop and implement one additional (or enhance at least one existing) educational program each fiscal year.

Goal 6

Develop and implement a staff training and professional development program.

The Division team has already made remarkable progress in tackling these strategic goals and objectives, and has already achieved the aspirations outlined in goal one. The Division reports quarterly to the CAB and our stakeholders on our progress, and the full Strategic Plan is available on the Division's website at www.codot.gov/programs/aeronautics/2018SP.

Commercial Air Service

Commercial air service plays a critical role in the economic well-being of our State. The efficient movement of people and goods depends on improving aviation facilities that provide safe, timely, and economical delivery throughout Colorado.

Airline hub services through airports such as Denver International Airport serve several international markets. National and Regional carriers bring passengers and goods into statewide markets. Colorado's tourism industry relies heavily on Commercial air service to introduce new visitors and bring return visitors to Colorado's mountain destinations with point to point direct service from many of the nation's major cities.

Commercial Airline Passenger Activity CY 2017

Denver International	29,809,097	↑5.45%
City of Colorado Springs Municipal	815,839	↑24.05%
Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field	244,808	↓3.77%
Grand Junction Regional	223,452	↑2.35%
Durango-La Plata County	186,917	↓0.46%
Eagle County Regional	154,577	↓5.65%
Montrose Regional	123,206	↑5.96%
Yampa Valley Regional	96,403	↓10.19%
Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional	32,250	↓7.80%
Cortez Municipal	7,890	↑72.87%
Alamosa-San Luis Valley Regional	6,494	↑68.11%
Pueblo Memorial	3,833	↑61.25%
Northern Colorado Regional	3,198	↓29.85%
Telluride Regional	2,392	↑1698.50%
TOTAL PASSENGERS	31,710,356	↑5.47%

[Data Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration.](#)

Airport Capital Improvement Program

The Division develops and maintains a five year Capital Improvement Plan for each of the 49 federally eligible and 25 non-federally eligible public use airports throughout Colorado. Performing the capital improvement planning for all 74 public use airports in Colorado (except DEN) enables the Division to create a plan that shows a statewide view of airport needs over the next five years.

The Division and the FAA work in concert with each of the airports and airport sponsors to select the highest priority projects that enhance the safety, security, capacity, and efficiency of the Colorado Airport System. Along with prioritizing the projects, costs must be continually compared to projected Federal, State, and local funding.

The current Capital Improvement Plan (2019-2033) includes nearly \$435 million in planned projects statewide and it is not likely that funds will be available to support all of the projects; this expected shortfall makes prioritizing projects extremely important.



A Federally-funded capital improvement runway construction project at the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN) in Hayden, Colorado. Photo courtesy Yampa Valley Regional Airport.

Aviation Community Outreach & Engagement

The Division of Aeronautics strives to be actively engaged in the aviation community by promoting the importance of general aviation in Colorado's local communities, as well as aviation education and career development, and flying safety.

In 2018, the Division of Aeronautics participated in several local aviation community events including Dream BIG Edwards and Fremont County, Aviation Day at Denver International Airport (DEN), Metropolitan State University of Denver New Student Orientation, Girls in Aviation Day, Women of Aviation, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Regional Fly-in in Santa Fe, NM. During these events, the Division of Aeronautics directly interacted with the aviation community and stakeholders by distributing Colorado Airport Directories, Colorado Aeronautical Charts, Colorado Airport Economic Impact Studies, Colorado Aviation System Plans, and promoted the Colorado Airport Internship Program.

Additionally, the Division takes a proactive and consistent approach in distributing pertinent aviation information to its public and private stakeholders through a coordinated use of social media including [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#) the [Division of Aeronautics web page](#), mass e-mail communication, Mountain Wave News Bulletin, and streaming of Colorado Aeronautical Board meetings.



A record-breaking 1,696 girls had the chance to take their first flight in a general aviation aircraft at the 2018 Women of Aviation event taking place at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport. The Division was there with the Division's Redbird flight simulator giving the girls some flight time behind the yoke.



The Longmont Airport Expo at the Vance Brand Airport (LMO) on June 23, 2018. | Photo by Shahn Sederberg



COLORADO

Aeronautical Board

The Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) is the policy-making body that oversees the operation of the Colorado Division of Aeronautics. The CAB is a seven-member Type 1 Board appointed by the Governor to serve three year terms as representative of defined constituencies in the aviation community.

FY 2018 CAB Meetings & Updates

[CAB Update - July, 2017](#)

September 20, 2017

Greeley-Weld County Airport (GXY)

[Meeting Video](#) | [Workshop Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

December 13, 2017

Joseph H. Thibodeau Room - Watkins, CO

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

January 22, 2018

Brown Palace Hotel - CAO Winter Conference

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

April 11, 2018

Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS)

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

June 14, 2018

Copper Mountain Resort - CAO Spring Conference

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)



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